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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

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Deputy to the DCI for Resource Management

SUBJECT: Intelligence Definitions

1. Action Requested: Sign the attached memorandum to NFIB members which asks for comments on a draft intelligence glossary.

2. Background: At the 5 July 1977 NFIB meeting, you first raised the issue of intelligence definitions which led to the NFIB memorandum of 13 September 1977 which expressed broad consensus on the need for an authoritative and comprehensive glossary of intelligence terms. You directed the Office of Policy and Planning of this staff to form an interagency working group and undertake this project. The Working Group has completed the task of compiling a list of unclassified terms and defining them. Before it proceeds any further toward formal publication, the Working Group would like to effect coordination of the draft definitions among NFIB members so that Community comments may be considered early. The Working Group will continue development of the supporting annexes to the glossary while this coordination is underway. The group also believes that a covering memorandum from you to NFIB members will encourage the coordination process and forestall anticipated objections. We are aware of the possibility that NSA will object to an unclassified glossary on the basis that, although no classified terms or definitions are included in it, the glossary in the aggregate is too revealing of the substance of NSA's world. There have also been indications that DIA may demur regarding certain definitions, reasoning that JCS Pub 1 is an overriding authority for them which cannot accommodate another glossary. The Working Group has tried to deal with these potential issues in the draft Preface which accompanies the glossary.

3. Recommendation: Sign the attached memorandum to NFIB members.

Attachment:
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